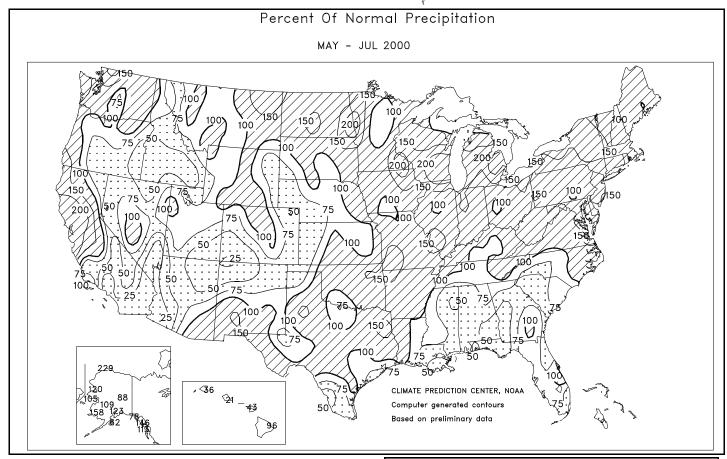
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idespread rain maintained generally adequate soil moisture for reproductive to filling summer crops in Corn Belt and brought relief to drought-stricken pastures and crops in the Southeast. Heavy rain persisted across the northern Mid-Atlantic States and southern New England, slowing fieldwork and keeping soil moisture levels adequate to locally excessive. From the Plains westward, however, significant rainfall was confined to parts of the Dakotas. On the northern and central High Plains, hot, dry conditions favored fieldwork but hastened the maturation of spring-sown small grains. Dry weather depleted topsoil moisture in the South-(Continued on page 7)

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